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■ REMEMBRANCE: Pelham man shares grandfather's writings

Century-old journal a window to the war

SARAH FERGUSON
Pelham News Staff

FONTHILL — Robert Law didn't talk much about the time he served in the First World War.

It wasn't until his 10-year-old grandson, Bernie, began asking questions about his experiences that Robert shared some of his memories.

"I asked too many questions, so he finally told me," Bernie Law, who is now in his sixties, said.

Robert volunteered to go to war when he was 19 years-old. He served in the Canadian Army from 1914 to 1915 as a member of the Black Watch D Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Royal Highlander Regiment of Canada.

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Fonthill resident Bernie Law looks over the journal written by his grandfather, Robert Law, who served in the First World War.

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UPFRONT

■ REMEMBRANCE DAY: Legion introduces Poppy Keepers

Say goodbye to days of lost poppies

KAREN WALTER
QMI Agency Niagara

Poppy thwarting seatbelts, scarves and overcoats be warned — there's a revolutionary new security tool in legion boxes this year.

Poppy Keepers — a simple small plastic tube similar to an earring backing — are being offered by the Royal Canadian Legion for the first time.

The innovation is the biggest thing to hit the annual poppy campaign since the flower centres were changed from green to black in 2002.

"They are very, very popular," said Jim McLean, poppy supervisor for Port Dalhousie's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 350. "People are saying 'it's about time someone brought out something like this.'"



Canadians have long depended on flag pins, eraser bits, tape gobs and other homemade methods to keep their poppies in place or resign themselves to the inevitability of losing several a season.

While Poppy Keepers will be bailed by ordinary folk,

the major driver for their introduction was the restaurant industry, which wanted more security so loose poppies don't fall into food.

Bill Maxwell, senior program officer for Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command, said more secure poppies for seniors and children

were also a consideration.

"They can put the poppy keeper on and it adheres to the clothing much better, much safer," he said from Ottawa. "You don't have the poppy falling off at an angle."

But well fastened poppies lead to fewer poppy sales and less money for veterans?

Maxwell doesn't think so.

"I think Canadians are aware the donations for a poppy are care for veterans across the country," he said. "I think up until now, we have been able to keep them somewhere in our home, but we go out and buy a poppy every year when they come out."

The Poppy Keepers are part of a major rebranding of the legion this year that includes a new logo, revamped website, social media campaign

and products such as "Lest We Forget" black rubber wristbands.

Maxwell said the legion wanted to freshen up its image and display a more contemporary look that's attractive to younger people for advertising. It's about the sustainability of the legion and emphasizing what it does and how people can join.

"It's been a major change and branding in communications over the last year."

In St. Catharines, legions are reporting the products offered in addition to poppies are popular.

Nell O'Farrell, immediate past president of Branch 24 downtown, said the branch distributed 500 gold leaf pins and 100 bracelets in six days. "We've gone through what we ordered and we have new orders," he said.

The wristbands are also being sold at the Port Dalhousie Legion.

"We do have some on our band and people pick them up like crazy," Johnston said. "They like them, but it doesn't replace the poppy. It's just an added thing."

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■ REMEMBRANCE

Pelham man sharing grandfather's memories

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He moved to the 2nd Canadian Division, Artillery, Corporal, a unit which he served with until 1919.

While Robert Law didn't like to speak about his time in the military, he did say he thought running through his head while he was on the battlefield in a small leather-bound journal, which is now more than 100 years old.

In one of the pages, Robert Law wrote of a horrific expe-

rience of killing a German soldier. The experience was also something Robert briefly shared with Berne.

It was in the trenches of Vimy Ridge that Robert Law was forced to take lives. "You had to shoot the bullets and had to do hand-to-hand combat," Berne said. "He had to kill two German boys and he cried."

Robert cried because he was a Christian man who didn't believe in hurting a

soul, Berne said.

"My grandfather told me, 'I had to kill these German boys or they would have killed me.'

When the war finally ended in 1918, Robert stayed behind to help the Royal Canadian soldiers to help Belgium rebuild its country.

Robert was assigned to the artillery infantry and rode on horseback as he policed the city. He was selected for the position because he was a

blacksmith in Ireland before he emigrated to Canada and he knew how to handle horses very well," Berne said.

After the war, the economy in Belgium had been shattered and the country's people were starving.

Berne recalled his grandfather telling him how he would take the horses that had been lame and bring them to the outskirts of the city to euthanize them.

"He would come back and

he told the starving people where the horses were and they could go butcher the horses and eat."

Although Berne never plans to have his grandfather's journal published, he wants to share the story.

Berne, who serves as poppy chairman and volunteer for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613 in Fonthill, said all Canadians should know what veterans have sacrificed so people can have the right

to freedom.

"This is a legacy handed down to all Canadians. There are thousands of stories of men and women who have fought for Canada," he said.

"I'm proud of my grandfather, who was one of these veterans who came home to share the stories of our history."

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LOCAL NEWS

■ TRAGEDY: Victim identified as Port Colborne's Andrea Stewart

Fallen tree victim fondly remembered

SARAH FERGUSON
Pelham News Staff

POR T COLBORNE — Andrea Stewart will be remembered as kind, creative and fun.

"She loved reading, she loved jewelry and she loved watching her CSIs and Criminal Minds," long-time friend Kaye Wagner-Dekoning said.

Her loved ones were left "stone shocked" when Stewart, 56, was killed Friday morning while walking home on the day she was driving on Fielden Ave., Wagner-Dekoning said.

Environment Canada reported Port Colborne recorded the strongest wind gusts in the province Friday with gusts of up to 106 km/h. Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services responded to the call for help that fell on the car Stewart was driving shortly after 11 a.m. Stewart was pronounced dead at the

scene.

Family and friends were in left in disbelief about the tragic accident.

"Andrea had lived in Port Colborne a long time. She lived right next door to me," Wagner-Dekoning said of Stewart.

Stewart, originally from the Erie area, has lived in Port Colborne for "many years" and became part of a close-knit group of neighbours on Omer Ave.

Although Stewart never married and didn't have children, Wagner-Dekoning said her friend cherished her family and would spend spent as much time with them as she could. Wagner-Dekoning said Stewart's family lived out-of-

"She has a brother, two sisters and two nieces she loved very much," she said.

"We became friends and have been for a long time ...

we often hung out together," Wagner-Dekoning added.

She described Stewart as someone who preferred spending time with several close friends and family.

"She always liked to have fun and she usually stayed in our little circle of friends."

"Andrea always spent many afternoons hanging out on my front porch. My front porch is where we would congregate and chat," Wagner-Dekoning said.

She said Stewart often kept to herself, not wanting to impose on other people. But, when Wagner-Dekoning had a chance, she would knock on Stewart's door to say hello and share conversations and more.

"I always shared with her when I was cooking. I would always bring her some of what I was making and I'd say 'I've got an extra plate of this.'

Stewart loved living in Port Colborne because of her

SUPPLIED PHOTO

Andrea Stewart was killed Friday morning after a tree struck her car on Fielden Ave.

neighbours living nearby.

"She always had a far outside of our circle. She'd feel comfortable with us. She'd visit her family quite a bit, but she was content to stay

at Frank's Home Building Centre in Port Colborne, where Stewart had worked for 26 years; owner Frank Danch was left in shock.

"She was a bookkeeper for me for 15 years, and even longer for my father, before that," said Danch, who learned of Stewart's death Friday afternoon.

"She's the kind of person who wouldn't hurt a fly," he said.

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WEATHER



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With storm-whipped Lake Erie as his backdrop, The Weather Network's Mark Robinson does a live broadcast from the municipal boat launch at Crystal Beach, Ont., Friday, Nov. 1, 2013. A windstorm hit the Niagara Region, with wind speeds topping 106 km/h in Port Colborne, Ont., the highest recorded in the province.

High winds tear through Niagara

MARYANNE FIRTH
Tribune Staff

POR T COLBORNE — Light posts shook violently, tree branches crashed to the ground and hydro was disrupted for hundreds of residents as a wind storm tore through south Niagara Friday.

Port Colborne recorded the strongest wind gusts in the province with speeds of up to 106 km/h.

The high winds resulted in the death of a 56-year-old Port Colborne woman, who was killed when a large tree fell on the car she was driving.

Trees, as well as hydro poles and lines, were reported down in several areas around Niagara and several closures were

reported as a result of the winds.

Navigation was suspended on the Welland Canal in Port Colborne at 4:30 a.m. Friday and remained closed into the afternoon, said St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp. spokesperson Andrew Bogora. The canal bridges cannot be raised safely if wind speeds are above 65 km/h, he said. Four vessels were delayed in Port Colborne and two in Port Weller as a result.

The Walker Waste and Recycling Drop-Off Depot in Thorold closed Friday due to high winds, while other Niagara landfills remained open. The Howell Family Landfill on Howell Rd. in Pelham, also closed for the day because of the weather.

Environment Canada issued a wind warning for the area, which remains in effect into Friday afternoon. Warning preparedness meteorologist Geoff Coulson said wind must reach a minimum of 90 km/h for a warning to be issued.

That's the speed when damage typically begins to occur, he said.

Environment Canada has been monitoring wind conditions in Port Colborne for the past 18 years and in that time gusts have climbed past 100 km/h 50 times, Coulson said. The highest speed recorded in the lake-side city in that time was 135 km/h on March 9, 2002.

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Time to park Drive Clean program

It's not often that a government program actually posts a surplus, especially in Ontario, but that's what we have with the provincial Drive Clean program. It's operating with a \$19-million surplus, but even though it's a money-maker for the government, it should be mothballed. If anything, the surplus underlines the fact that Drive Clean has been taking Ontario's drivers to the cleaners.

Drive Clean was introduced 14 years ago by the Mike Harris Progressive Conservatives in an effort to measure and control the amount of emissions coming from vehicles registered for use in Ontario. Vehicles would be checked every two years, and their licence plate renewal withheld if the vehicle failed to pass the mandated emissions test. And Drive Clean would be revenue neutral, meaning it wouldn't be used for what Premier Kathleen Wynne now calls a "revenue tool."

From the start, however, Drive Clean was filled with contradictions. In its early years, the program included only those drivers living in the GTA and Hamilton. It was expanded to include Southwestern Ontario in 2001 and Eastern Ontario in 2002. But even today it doesn't include vehicles registered to residents living in Northern Ontario. For some inexplicable reason, non-diesel vehicles up north are exempt.

It's not that Drive Clean is a bad idea. It makes sense...if there's a problem of vehicle emissions in Ontario...and if every registered vehicle in the province was regularly tested. But the Ministry of Environment suggests we don't have a problem with emissions. And Drive Clean is used only selectively; some jurisdictions are exempt.

So let's get rid of Drive Clean. It's outlived its purpose. It was supposed to be revenue neutral...and now it's making money. It was supposed to help reduce vehicle emissions...and that's been accomplished (mostly by private industry).

It Drive Clean is allowed to continue, it will continue as a revenue tool...because that's what it has obviously become.

- Peter Epp

COMMENT

As volunteers aspire for better, they inspire others

MAYOR DAVE AUGUSTYN

Last Wednesday Council and I hosted The Town's Annual Volunteer & Community Corporate Recognition Ceremony at Lookout Park Golf Club. It's one of my favourite events of the year because we recognize the dedication and hard work of hundreds of Pelham's volunteers.

Volunteers work to beautify our Town – as part of Communities in Bloom, or the Horticultural Society, or those that have "adopted a road", or the Downtown Beautification Committee.

Or they help organize Pelham's significant public events – from the Fonthill Bandshell Concerts, to Riketshoffest, to Fenwick's 160th Anniversary Celebration, to the Canada Day Celebrations, to Summerfest.

Volunteers – like coaches, convenors, team managers, and score keepers – in every sport from figure skating to soccer, ensure that our children and youth practice skills, enjoy sport, and learn how to play fair.

Others work to ensure that our Town pro-

gresses and moves forward including those serving on the Library Board, the Active Transportation Committee, and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

And members of Pelham's service clubs work to enhance community – from supporting our parks to our teams to local charities.

We presented the "Peer Award" as a special way of recognizing outstanding individuals. Each community-based group or organization in Pelham nominates one of their most exemplary volunteers.

Deep appreciation to Peer award recipients: Michael Andrus, Knights of Columbus; Rosemarie Beaton, "Mummers"

Mark & Karen Royce, Pelham Canoe Gary Chambers, Fenwick's 160th Anniversary; Doug Gayler, Fonthill Lions Club; Leo Giovannazzo, Canada Day Committee; Bill King, Communities in Bloom Committee; Andrea Keus, Pelham Soccer Club; Coran MacKinnon, Niagara Centre Skating Club; Joseph Marchant, Pelham Active Transportation; Gladys Recchia, Fenwick Lions Club; Norm Recchia, Fenwick Lions Club; Linda Rhoads, Fonthill Lions Club; Heidi Te Brake, Pelham Art Festival; Madeline Wallace, Mayor's Youth Advisory

Council; Diana Weeks, 613 Royal Canadian Army Cadets; Jim Wellington, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613; Loraine Woods, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613 Ladies Auxiliary.

We also honoured our Corporate Citizens – those businesses that give money, resources, product – to all facets of our community. We especially honoured the Lazy Loon Restaurant with a Corporate Peer Award for their generosity to so many charities and commitment to improving our Town.

Thanks to Joseph Velope, Olympian and special guest speaker, and Taylor Wallace and Jessica Wallace singers and song writers, for their donation of time and talent, and thank you Perry Walkinshaw for designing and creating a wonderful and new Peer Award.

I offer deep thanks to each of the Town's volunteers and corporate citizens for giving of themselves to help other people and to make Pelham a vibrant, creative and caring community for all.

You may contact Mayor Dave at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

Reunions - insult contests with name tags

Never trust anyone over 30 for they are the ones who organize reunions. For most of my life I have successfully avoided attending reunions - high school, baseball, college and especially that weird family reunion in Kansas a couple years ago at which 33-year-old Richard Lorenz finally found his biological mother, Vivian Wheeler, 62 who just happened to be... and this would have been great for Richard when he was little! Dick in shorts and a t-shirt, Vivian in a bikini, and the rest of Bailey's Beloved Sisloshka Lady. ANYWAY!

Look, I'm not saying your long lost Aunt Elizabeth once went by the name of Lizzie Borden but it could happen... and probably at a reunion.

At reunions age jokes come with weighty jokes. The way half plates accompany platform shoes. Familiar faces come with forgotten names and long, very long pauses.

"Oh sorry, no, I only asked if your daughter was pregnant because she has that wonderful glow about her."

Last month, against my better judgment I attended the Dain City Reunion to honour the longevity and vibrance of the little village on the Welland Canal where I spent the first 17 years of my life. I only went to spend time with my childhood buddy Malcolm Hilton who, showing much better judgment than I did not show up.

And we were fine, really. Old-coures were not settled, nobody stroked the stage while I was speaking and a lot of compliments were exchanged... followed by "for you age, of course". Everybody avoided the guy holding up a photo and looking for "the one who got away" mainly because he was still with the one who



WILLIAM THOMAS

HUMOUR

didn't. No real feathers were discovered if you know what I mean.

But there's always that question you never want to hear: "Do you remember how you humiliates me when we were growing up in Dain City?" I didn't of course but I had a feeling I was about to hear all about it.

We were having a drink, me and my buddy Paul Stolt who married Dain City Pollard who was still there.

"One summer... when we were young, I coached the Dain City Girls Softball Team. I was about 16 years old and the girls were 12 and 13.

As Brenda started naming the players... ace pitcher Carolyn Rominger, Joanne Williams, Lynn Dorsey and Nancy Jovet, it all started coming back to me but not in a good way.

I was hitting groundies to the infield which was anchored by Brenda at third base. Brenda was the best fielder on the team but today was not her day.

"The drill was called "Bring it home" in which I'd hit to an infelder and she would throw down to stop a run from scoring. The first one hit to Brenda went between her legs and into left field. The second grounder hit her in the shin and the third popped out of her glove. In a real game we'd be behind by three runs, all on errors by the third baseman. That's when I lost it. I walked out to third, relieved Brenda

of her glove and told her to sit on the bench neatly. "Watch and learn," I said, as sternly as a fifteen-year-old with an axe and clam diggers could.

"Penny" I yelled. "Comal" Not a girl but my super dog Penny, a medium-sized reddish mutt with buck teeth, the result of a collision with a motorcycle. In a flash, Penny was sitting beside the third base bag, panting and smiling and watching my every move.

"Stay!" I ordered running to home plate where Brenda had her mask up on her head, squirming toward third base.

I had a sharp grounder toward third that took three hops before it reached the base. Penny jumped straight up in the air, rising twice as high as he was tall and cleanly caught the ball in his mouth.

"Bring!" I yelled, and in front of ten disbelieving teenagers, Brenda and Penny aced the routine. She brought it home.

"Now Brenda," I said, using the bat as a pointer. "When you play that position as well as down the line, I'll give you your glove back." There was a fair bit of giggling and stifled laughter and not all of it was from the dog. I realize now it was the wrong thing to do and I understand how Brenda must have felt humiliated. I just didn't realize she'd be still bitter about it 50 years later.

Much more mature and wiser now, I'm not saying you shouldn't use household pets to distract your opponents in your various tasks in life. I'm saying do not attend reunions where you can be confronted by these kinds of embarrassing stories. Reunions - no place for old men with a bit of a checkered past.

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LOCALNATIONALNEWS

■ RECYCLING

Region wins recycling awards

Niagara Region's waste diversion program has been recognized for its efforts in keeping garbage out of local landfills.

The Recycling Council of Ontario and the Municipal Waste Association gave the Region awards for the outreach campaigns to improve its recycling and waste-diversion programs.

The two organizations gave the Region a gold medal for its 2012 outreach program that was focused on educating residents on what materials they can put into their recycling bins. More than 5,000 also participated in the campaign's recycle and win contest, a regional press release says.

The Region's pilot curbside battery collection program in Welland, Pelham

and Port Colborne, which resulted in 2.5 metric tonnes of batteries being diverted from landfills, was also given a gold medal.

The Region and Emterra Environmental, the company contracted to manage recycling in Niagara, won a silver medal for the Make Your Contribution at the Curb campaign. The program sees Emterra donate a dollar to the Niagara Health System Foundation for every tonne of recyclable material placed in grey and blue boxes in Niagara homes.

"Recycling from these two organizations is evidence that we're on the right track and should continue to support these important campaigns," Niagara Region CAO Harry Schlange said.

■ POLITICS: Toronto mayor says he'll run city by himself if he has to

Back me or quit: Ford to committee

DON PEAT
QMI Agency

TORONTO — Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is now daring members of his executive committee to quit if they don't support his embattled administration.

Ford, who has been on the offensive Monday to combat the alleged crack video controversy that has plagued his administration and threatened to derail his political career,

In a tony radio interview on AM640 with host John Oakley, Ford was asked if he's gazing for cases of public drunkenness while refusing to address why he was captured on video smoking what appears to be crack cocaine and had so many interactions — detailed in Toronto Police surveillance reports — with alleged drug dealer Sandro Lisi.

Ford — who was at Toronto City Hall before 8

a.m. Monday — maintained he'll be going back to work and meeting with members of his executive committee to ensure they are still

"Anybody that wants to go, go," Ford told Oakley. "I'll be running the ship even if it is by myself. I'm going to be serving the city and guaranteeing that I will be watching every dime."

Asked if he's going to be a "lame duck" mayor now, Ford shrugged.

"Johnny, time will tell," he said.

This latest dare comes a day after Ford dared Toronto Police to charge him with smoking illegal. In an interview with KISS 92.5's Maurie Sherman, Ford whose administration is still besieged by the alleged crack video controversy — challenged investigators to arrest him if he's broken the law.

"If I did something illegal then arrest me," Ford said. "Or whatever, I haven't."

Ford stressed Monday he has not been charged with anything.

"I have nothing against the police, we have the best police force in the world," he said. "I support those front-line officers that sacrifice their lives every day for us."

Ford even offered to reveal the cost of the investigation and then promised to increase pay for officers in the next budget.

"These people deserve an increase, I'm going to be hiring more police in this budget right now," he said.

During the interview, Ford also denied attending his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, claiming "nobody gives me better advice."

"He will be premier one day," the mayor said. "He's smart, he's ambitious, the guy is 10 times smarter than anyone I've ever met."

At city hall Monday, TTC

chair Karen Stintz — who is running for mayor next year — said Ford has spoken.

"He's not going to resign, he's not going to take a leave of absence," Stintz said. "From my perspective the business of the city has to continue. We need to move forward on our agenda, we need to move forward on issues around the border, issues around the airport. There are enough issues facing the city that we now just need to pull together and figure out how we are going to continue the business of the city."

Coun. Gloria Lindsay Luby described Ford's Sunday apology as "unconvincing."

"It doesn't cut it," Lindsay Luby said. "I think he has not confronted the issue the way it should be confronted."

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LOCAL NEWS

FASHION SHOW HIGHLIGHTS STUDENTS WORK

E.L. Crossley students to show off artwork

E.L. Crossley art students will be watching their artwork walk the runway at Niagara Artist's Centre's wearable art show Strutt for the fifth year consecutively, Nov. 16.

A group of 12 students, lead by teacher and visual artist Sherry Wilkinson, created an ensemble of three new entries called "The Suits." Two of the art structures immitate large looming corporate towers, while the third piece is a plastic transparent business suit and hand-stenciled bodysuit. The satirical artwork demonstrates the disillusionment brought on by an ever-increasing corporatized world wherein the element of personal expression and connection is lost. The students worked on the project for five weeks, machine-sewing plastic sheeting, cutting out 264 window openings, 480 miniature frames with exacto knives from corrugated cardboard, and hand drawing each stencil for tattoo designs.



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E.L. Crossley art students will be participating in Niagara Artist's Centre's wearable art show Strutt. This is the fifth year that the art students have participated in the art show.

Students Sam Lea, Jen Lea and Matt Ellis said they got their idea from a number of personal experiences, including navigating



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E.L. Crossley art students are hard at work getting ready to show off their artwork on the runway of Niagara Artist's Centre's wearable art show, Nov. 16.

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Zumba Kids & Zumba Kids Jr. @ Pelham Arena

Turn up the music, wiggle, shake and have a blast with your friends in these rockin', high-energy fitness parties packed with specially choreographed kid-friendly routines.

Tuesday Nov 12 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm (4-7 yrs) **Thursday Nov 14** 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm (4-7 yrs)
6:00 pm - 6:30pm (8+ yrs) 6:00 pm - 6:30pm (8+ yrs)

Drop in and try any session for \$4.50 or purchase your 10 + 2 bonus passes for \$40 at Pelham Town Hall. For more information on any of the Zumba classes, please contact (905) 892-2607, ext. 329.

Walking Club - Everyone is welcome! - Nov 12 and Nov 14

Interested in walking in Pelham? Interested in joining a Walking Club? Then join us! Tuesdays at Pelham Arena from 9-10 am and Thursdays at Fonthill Bandsball from 9-10:30 am. For more information, please contact (905) 892-2607 ext. 329.

Arena Programs

Public Skating	Adult Public Skating	Adult/Preschool	Men's Shinny Hockey	Women's Shinny Hockey	Women's Learn to Play Hockey
Tuesday Nov 12 7:30-8:30 pm	Thursday Nov 14 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Tuesday Nov 12 1:00 - 2:00 pm Friday Nov 15 10:00 - 11 am	Tuesday Nov 12 8:00 - 9:00 am Friday Nov 15 9:00 - 10:00 am	Monday Nov 11 10:00 - 11:00 am Thursday Nov 14 10:30 - 11:30 am	Thursday Nov 14 9:30 - 10:30 am
Friday Nov 15 8:00 - 9:30 pm					
Sunday Nov 17 1:00-2:00 pm					

"Get Active for Life" Join us at a park near you! Participation is at no charge, but we do require a registration form be submitted.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
10:00 - 11:00 am	Peace Park (Nordic Walking)	Woodstream Park (Walking)	Peace Park (Walking)	Woodstream Park (Walking)	Cherry Ridge Park (Walking)	
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Cherry Ridge Park (Walking)	Peace Park (Walking)	Pelham Arena (Cycling)	Woodstream Park (Walking)		Peace Park (Walking)

For more information, please visit pelham.ca or contact jcook@pelham.ca or call 905-892-2607 ext. 329.

■ COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS



Remembrance Day – Municipal Offices Closed, Arena and Programs Open & Running

The Town of Pelham Municipal Offices will be closed for Remembrance Day on Monday, November 11, 2013. The Pelham Arena is open as usual and all scheduled programming will run as planned.

Should Pelham Have a Community Garden? - Tell Us What You Think! Take our brief survey to voice your opinion as to whether Pelham should implement a community garden! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PelhamCommunityGarden> to tell us what you think. The survey closes Friday November 8th, 2013, at 4:30 pm.

Development Charges Background Study Open House – Tuesday, November 19th 6:30PM Fonthill Fire Station #1 (177 Highway #20 West)

The Mayor's Gala Committee is seeking applications from local organizations serving Pelham that are also interested in receiving a donation from the funds generated by the Annual Mayor's Gala. Visit pelham.ca for more information.

Project Zero Smoke Alarm Program Continues - Call the Pelham Fire Department at 905-892-2607 ext. 201 if you would like your smoke alarm assessed.

CHRISTMAS IN PELHAM! November 6, 2013 – January 5, 2014 Check out these great events around town this week and watch for more next week!



November 7 (10am to 9pm), November 8 (10am to 7pm), November 9 (10am to 5pm):

Holiday Gift Showcase - Shoppes of Ridgeville

4 Participating Shoppes: Hamiltons of Pelham, Le Village, Nature's Corner Bakery & Cafe, Sweet Thoughts

November 9 & 10 (10am to 5pm): Art Studio Open House - Bev Sneath - Ridgeville

1341 Ellingham St., Ridgeville - 20% of sales donated to Pelham Cares

November 16 (10 am - 3 pm): Homes for the Holiday House Tour - 6 locations in Fonthill

Tickets available at Fonthill United Church , 42 Church Hill, 905 892-6433 - \$20.00

November 16 (11 am - 3 pm): Holiday Shopping Spree - Fonthill Fire Station #1

Presented by the Fonthill Lions featuring bake table, craft table, vendors, gift basket draw and a light lunch.



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**Saturday November 16th
Croatian National Hall
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
6 Broadway Avenue • Welland**

You are invited to the first-ever Women's Health & Wellness Expo to be held in the Niagara Region. This one day event features a sensational speakers series with renowned health experts - presenting information about natural therapies and remedies available to improve your health!

- 10:00 am - Sherry Torkos B.Sc. Pharm Stress, Weight Gain & Heart Disease: Reversing the Trends
- 11:30 am - Dr. Zoltan Rona - Reverse Inflammation Naturally
- 1:00 pm - Desiree Nielsen RD Food for Thought: Is Your Second Brain Optimally Nourished?
- 2:30 pm - Dr. Alvin Pettie - Hormonal Balance for Women

Plus there will be demos, **free samples**, health information and gifts from our many exhibitors - including local natural health practitioners and natural health suppliers. Don't miss it! This is the natural health event of the year. For more info or to get your **FREE** pass, visit **Rosemary's Natural Choices** or call us at 905-714-0586.

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LOCALNEWS

■ PRE-CHRISTMAS RUSH AT PELHAM LIBRARY

Pelham Library offers tips on de-cluttering

FRAN OAKES
Pelham Library

We are heading into the pre-Christmas rush of events now, and the first one I want to remind you of is The Friends of Pelham Library "Chairlift" silent auction. Bidding opened Nov. 4, and will continue until 1 p.m. Dec. 7. See details in front of the clothing display. Bid high! Bid often!

Also on now and continuing until Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. is the semi-annual clothing sale. Plenty of bargains here.

The clothing sale leads us nicely into the program, Urge to Purge-De-cluttering Tips, which takes place Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$3. Please register ahead. On a similar note, there is also the "Antiques 'On the Road' Show" Nov. 20. Several Niagara region experts will be in the Festival Room of the Library from 7 to 9 p.m. to tell you about your treasure. The cost for this event is \$2. Please register ahead and let us know what you are bringing.

Talking of stuff in your attic brings to another kind of old

stuff, not things but people. Are you interested in genealogy? Are you having trouble climbing further up your family tree? Members of the Niagara Chapter of the Ontario Genealogical Society will be on hand Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Festival Room to advise on your research. To help you record the memories of the older members of your family, interview sheets will also be available. Please register ahead, the cost is \$3.

Memories of places are also important. If yours are of Welland or to your favorite author, Brian Borwick, leave your name and editor at The Tribune Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. The cost is \$3. Please register ahead.

Finally, there is a card-making workshop Nov. 19, from 10 to 12:30 p.m. Please see the poster for the list of supplies you need to bring. \$10 per person. Please bring this freight time of the year, may I also recommend Meditation Morning Nov. 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. It might be just the de-stressor needed. The cost is \$2.

Now, books. I have written about picture book

for small children that are read to them by someone older. When they can read a little themselves but aren't yet proficient at it, we have a collection of Early Readers you might consider. The are graded by degree of difficulty, from the easiest to the hardest, for the easiest and yellow for the hardest, they are a lot more interesting than the mind-numbingly boring "Fun With Dick and Jane" of my early days in school. A child who might be frustrated by the chapters books of regular juvenile fiction they are, after all, a big jump from the basic books of the early reader's more enticing and a good bridge to things more

challenging. There are non-fiction books for those who like facts rather than stories but there are also books on ninjas and princesses and Barbies and Clifford and ... It's all about gaining proficiency at reading so that you can move on to the really exciting stuff. Unfortunately, even in this digital world, the ability to read fluently is still a necessity and Google, wonderful though it is, won't recognize what you are looking up if the spelling is too far off the mark. So look to the ease readers if you have a child who needs to develop his skills before going on to harder books.

That's all today, folks. See you at the Library.



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On November 11, as the nation remembers, we honour those who sacrificed in order to preserve our freedoms and rights. Council thanks our veterans for their actions, courage, strength, determination and bravery.

Mayor Dave Augustyn & Town Council





PELHAM DATEBOOK

NOVEMBER 7

ITALIAN EVENING

for residents and family at Woodlands of Sunset hosted by Regina Lodge No. 20 Order Sons of Italy, at 7 p.m. Refreshments served with lively Italian music.

NOVEMBER 9

KOUNTRY KRAFT SHOW

at Eastdale Secondary School, 170 Wellington St., Welland, today and Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Many unique handcrafted items to choose from. Lunch available. Non-perishable items collected for Hope Centre.

SOUPISON!

Tickets go on sale at St. Kevin's church, before and after the 5 p.m. mass today and 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. masses on Sunday, and weekends following. SoupiSON! is Friday, Jan. 31, in the parish hall with seatings at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Participants are: Niagara College's Food and Wine Club, Blenheim, Welland Confederation, Eastdale, Lakeshore Catholic and Notre Dame College School teams. Soups will be announced in early November. Tickets are \$10 a person. For more information on ticket availability, contact Mim Gibbons, 905-734-8486.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

at Knox Church, 335 Fitch St., Welland, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baking, deli, jams, baby quilts, crafts and silent auction.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

at Rafele Lodge, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Penny sale, draws, bake table, Christmas gift sale. Refreshments available.

WINTER FAIRE AND SILENT AUCTION

Central United Church, 30 Delhi St. Port Colborne. Featuring silent auction, hand stitched Christmas ornaments, hand made meatballs, sewn and knitted mitts, Congregational Cook Book (just published—sold for the first time at this event). Lunch from 11 to 1. Silent auction preview is Nov. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.

NOVEMBER 10

OUR LADY OF HUNGARY

hosts its 85th church anniversary Luncheon 12:30 p.m. at the

Hungarian Hall, Helens Ave., Welland. Chicken soup, cabbage rolls, breaded chicken, Gypsy steak, roasted potatoes, salad, dessert, coffee/tea. For tickets/reservations call: Les Ujfaluassy at 905-892-6407, Rudy Ragats at 905-734-3880 or Frank Biro at 905-732-7336.

NOVEMBER 11

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scrapbooking project. A swap table will be set out each week. How-to tips will be shared. All levels welcome. Nov. 11, 10 to noon. \$2.

URGE TO PURGE - DECLUTTERING TIPS

Feeling overwhelmed by clutter? Urge to Purge is a decluttering company based in Welland which is focused on freeing people from disorder and clutter in their daily lives. They specialize in "decluttering" everything from home to garage or business. Mark Melloni & Natae Triano of Urge to Purge will be conducting a presentation on

controlling clutter in your life. This presentation is fun and easy going and will provide the audience with tips and tricks to conquer clutter! Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. \$3. Please register ahead.

NOVEMBER 12

FAMILY TREES

Resolving the Riddle: Bring your research & Pelham Public Library library and let a fresh pair of eyes get you back on track. Steve Fulton and members from the Niagara chapter of the Ontario Genealogical Society will be here to lead this interesting

topic. Cost \$3; register ahead. Time 6:30 p.m.

PASTA NIGHT

at Casa Dante. Takeout dinner for \$8 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sauce, meatballs, minestrone soup, and pasta fagioli are also available for takeout. Eat in has been cancelled.

NOVEMBER 13

BOOK SIGNING

Join Joe Barkovich, former longtime reporter and city editor at The Tribune as he reads from a compilation of his columns, at

Pelham Public Library. His new book, From a Reporter's Notebook, provides an interesting cross section of his many columns. Starts 7 p.m., cost \$3. Register ahead.

NOVEMBER 16

ATLAS HOTEL DISCO

reunion party hosted by Friends of the Welland Museum at Casa Dante at 8 p.m. from one of the original DJ's from the Atlas Hotel, John Chiodo. Includes a spin-a-rounds from '76 to '83. Tickets \$15 or \$20, at the door and may be bought at Welland Historical Museum. Prizes for best disco costume, best afro or mullet, best disco dancer and best couple dancers who can remember The Hustle.

HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas House tour organized by Fonthill United Church. Six homes and the church beautifully decorated by local designers. Tickets \$20, available at 905-892-6433 (church) and participating designers: Vermeer's Garden Centre and Flower Shop, Cox Home Furniture, The Log Cabin Furniture Store, Royal Armour/Horizon Treasures, Brian E. Burgess & Associates Interior Design, J&J Floral Expressions, and Floral Dimensions. Tours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ticket price includes refreshments at church.

MODEL RAILROAD ENTHUSIASTS

open house at 1044 Maple St., Fenwick. Also on Nov. 17, Noon to 4:30 p.m. both days. Donations to Greater Niagara Railroad Engineers appreciated. See more at www. gnrre.ca.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE

at the Fonthill fire station, Hwy. 20. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with baked and craft table, 50/50 and gift basket draws and light lunch. Hosted by Fonthill Lionsess. Twenty-two vendors.

NOVEMBER 19

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

Make quick and easy Christmas cards, gift card, money holders and cards for the holidays, Valentine's Day or weddings and anniversaries. Bring in some of your old cards and we will show you how to make neat little boxes from them. Materials for the cards are included, but please bring tools and supplies and a large ziplock bag. Tues. Nov. 19 from 10:30-12:30 \$10. Register ahead in person.

NOVEMBER 20**ANTIQUES ON THE ROAD SHOW**

Grandma's silver, great-grandma's quilt, the carving bought at a garage sale, or the coin you found. Bring your small item to see what our experts have to say about where it came from and what it might be worth. Our specialists include: Deb Wilson of Granny's Boot (Rustic Primitive Country Furnishings and Folk Art); Jim and Diane of Coins Unlimited (Coins); Carole Berlove, "culinary historian" (silver), and Mike Bodnar, Cardboard Heroes (sports cards). Free draw, courtesy of Déjà vu Collectables. For entertainment purposes only. Neither the Pelham Public Library, nor our specialists make appraisals. For estimating values of items: Wed., Nov. 20 from 7-9 p.m. \$2. Please register ahead and let us know what you are bringing.

NOVEMBER 21**MAKERS' MARKET**

Christmas shopping event, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Guild Hall, 77 Charlotte St., Port Colborne. Quality items all handmade by local artisans. Many vendors.

NOVEMBER 23**PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE**

at Fonthill Lions hall, Hwy. 20, 7 p.m. Prizes, light food, cash bar, \$5.

NOVEMBER 24**DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER**

Night: A social justice activist of international renown is guest for this year's Distinguished Speaker Night at St. Kevin's church, Welland. Fr. Bill Ryan is a Jesuit priest and has a PhD in economics from Harvard University. He is special adviser to the Jesus Forum for Social Faith and Justice in North Toronto. The theme of his address is: Living with Limits: Living Well; Hints for Neighbors on an Endangered Planet. In its 16th year, Distinguished Speaker Night is a fall tradition at St. Kevin's. It begins with 5 p.m. mass, followed by a potluck supper at 6:15 p.m. in the parish hall. The start of the speaker's address at 7:15 p.m. People attending the potluck are asked to bring a dish of their choosing (salad, main course, dessert, etc.) and their own place settings. Coffee, tea, and juice are provided. For more info, call 905-735-3562.

NOVEMBER 28**FRENCH WOMEN'S**

entrepreneurship eight-week class starts. Learn to start your own business. Classes at Welland Heritage Council and

Multicultural Centre, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Child care available. Contact Lori for more information, at lwebster@wellandheritagecouncil.com or 905-732-5337 ext. 128.

NOVEMBER 29**BABY BOOMER MUSIC TRIVIA**

Night at Fonthill legion, 141 Hwy. 20 E. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and game starts at 7:30

p.m. Relive music of the '50s to early '70s. Cost is \$20 a person; register teams of eight, or individually, at www.babyboomertrivia.ca, or call 905-938-8800. All proceeds to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

DECEMBER 2**NIAGARA BEEKEEPERS**

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ONGOING**THE HUNGARIAN HALL**

at 361 Hellens Ave., Welland, is taking orders for cabbage rolls, Hungarian sausage and rice sausage (hurka). Pick up dates: Sausages on Nov. 1 at 2 p.m., cabbage rolls Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. For orders call before Oct. 28: 28 Anne 905-735-0959, Kilara 905-732-5865 or Eva 905-734-3953.

WELLAND WALL OF ART

Crystal Beach artist David Drum is featured this month at the Welland Wall of Art at Welland Civic Square. Drum has also donated abstract artwork for a silent auction that will help raise funds to keep the gallery running. More information is available by calling 905-732-2840 or 905-735-2146.

CHAIRIFIC FUNDRAISER

Pelham artists have painted oak children's chairs from when Pelham Public Library was built. Each chair is signed by the artist and comes with a gift basket. Bidding at the library runs Nov. 4 to Dec. 7.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

of Niagara Region support groups for car partners meet the first Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Welland Community Wellness Complex, and second Wednesday of the month, same time, at Foyer Richelieu. For information, call 905-687-3914.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

offered every day by Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre. On a morn. to 3 p.m., to Jan. 31. An evening class runs Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 905-732-5337 to register.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

meets at Wainfleet Township Public Library at 3:30 p.m. Teen advisory committee members from 12 to 18 are invited to join the committee to inform library staff on current teen topics, provide picks for the monthly newsletter and develop, implement and attend teen programs. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

COPING SKILLS WORKSHOPS

at Port Colborne Public Library, intended for family members who have a relative dealing with a mental health problem. Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in October. Workshops are free. Registration required. Call 905-894-6808.

POINT ABINO LIGHTHOUSE

Guided tours are offered the second and fourth Saturday of the month between 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Departure from 1036 Point Ablino Rd. S, Ridgeway, next to the Bertie Boating Club. Further info at www.pabc.ca.

APPLE DUMPLINGS CAFE

Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Holy

Trinity Anglican Church, Welland, market square entrance. Hot apple dumplings, plain or raisin scones, tea or coffee. Eat in or take out. Frozen apples available. Open Mon.-Sat. with your friends at the market and take a break. All proceeds going to the church.

A CAPPELLA NIAGARA

Men's Chorus invites singers for fun, fellowship and fabulous four-part harmony at Welland Community Church, 100 Main St., on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. For info call Jerry at 289-820-6584.

INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

Niagara meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for anyone experiencing primary infertility. Call or text 289-821-4606 or e-mail infertgroupniagara@hotmail.com for location or more information.

COUPON CLUB

Thrity Living Social Club & Coupon Swap takes place the last Monday of the month at Port Colborne Library, 310 King St., at 6 p.m. Free for all adults. Bring your tradeable coupons, enjoy some refreshments and social time. Chances to win free prizes.

COMPUTER LESSONS

One-on-one at Port Colborne Public Library Saturday mornings. Lessons geared toward your interests including e-mail, simple websites, Facebook, Twitter, blogging and more. Cost is \$10 a person per one-hour lesson. Call

PELHAM NEWS ■ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013**TECH TIME****905-834-6512 for appointment.****VIDEOS WANTED**

The Guild Hall Makers' Market, 72 Charlotte St., Port Colborne, is held every Friday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To inquire, call Mary at 905-835-0394 or the church office at 905-834-3184.

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offered one-on-one at Port Colborne Library, Saturday mornings. Lessons geared toward your interests. Topics include e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, blogging and more. Call the library at 905-834-6512 for an appointment. Cost: \$10 per one-hour lesson. Pre-registration required.

NIAGARA REGIONAL LITERACY

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KNIT WITS

Work on your present project while spending time with other knitters. All levels. Crocheters welcome. Knitting tips will be shared at each session. Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$2. Drop in at Pelham Public Library.

Need help with your e-books and downloading to your personal devices? Book a half-hour session at Welland Public Library and get one-on-one assistance. Tech Time runs from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday at the main branch in September and October.

CHESS CLUB

meets Thursdays at Welland Tennis Club, 45 Hooker St., 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Everyone welcome. Call 905-734-6533.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE

Tuesdays at Royal Canadian Legion, Morningstar Ave., Welland, 7:30 p.m. sharp. Admission is \$5, all welcome. BINGO

Every Tuesday hosted by U.E. Retirees Association, 1 p.m., at CAW Hall, 16 Steel St.

PEROGIES

and cabbage rolls at St. Michael's Hall, 411 Harrison St., Welland. To order call 905-732-4120 Mondays and Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pick up on Friday at the hall, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Deer on the move

Q: How do the road crews know where to post deer crossing signs? Do they go by statistics on how many deer in the area or how many deer have been hit by cars in the vicinity?

A: Urban legend may have it that signs are only put up where a deer has been struck by a vehicle, but that's not actually the case.

While signs may be put up in an area where a deer is killed, they are also erected proactively in areas where the deer population is plentiful and statistics aren't always required.

Dan Dillon, City of St. Catharines assistant director of transportation, said the public safety concern is that deer will go in with sightings. Staff will go out to see if there is an area deer may be crossing, such as by a woods, and determine if a sign is warranted.

"We've had some sightings along Westchester, Oakdale, things like that," he said. "Usually some calls to inquire about it and it makes sense, we put them up."

St. Catharines has about 10-12 signs on city-owned streets. Dillon said local road authorities are in charge of putting up deer

crossing signs, whether the city, Region or province.

The Ministry of Transportation reported there were 13,185 vehicle-wildlife collisions across the province in 2010.

This is a peak time for collisions with deer. White-tailed deer search for mates during the November and December "rut" season and also move from summer feeding areas to winter home grounds.

The Ministry advises drivers on its website to reduce collision risks by scanning from shoulder to shoulder and slowing down if wildlife are seen, watch for the yellow warning signs and use

high beams when possible at night. Brake firmly if an animal is crossing the road and never assume it will move out of the vehicle's way.

Q: I have heard that the new outdoor outlet mall being built in NOTL near the skyway is going to be the largest in Canada when fully completed. Is that true?

A: The key word to that claim is "outdoor."

The town of Niagara-on-the-Lake said the mall will be the largest open-air site of its kind in Canada in its latest press release

about the centre.

At 520,000-square-feet, the shopping centre will feature six anchor stores plus one anchored by an almost 80,000-square-foot Bass Pro Shops store. There will be coverings between buildings to protect shoppers.

The buildings have been springing up quickly on a piece of land at Glendale Ave. and Taylor Rd., across from White Oaks, since the grand opening celebrated at the site this past May.

It's the first open-air mall for Ivanhoe Cambridge, which owns and manages malls across Canada, including Vaughan

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The Outlet Collection at Niagara will feature close to 100 brands, including Calvin Klein, Brooks Brothers and Banana Republic, plus restaurants and a food pavilion.

It's on track to open in May 2014.

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LOCAL NEWS

■ REMEMBRANCE: Veterans of Afghanistan honoured by memorial stone

A monument for the fallen

JEFF BOLICHOWSKI
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As the names of the fallen were read aloud, Maggie Vidal knew her brother's could have been on the list.

Her sibling, Martin Brisbois, served a tour of duty in Afghanistan safely. He was a building schools as a military police officer with the Canadian Forces.

But men he knew lost their

lives in the conflict, she said. As the names of the 158 Canadians killed in Afghanistan were read Sunday for the dedication of a stone honouring the war, it hit home for her and family members Susan

Brisbois and Saliena Lewis. "It makes us, it could have been our brother. One of them could have been our brother," she said.

She said she was moved by the stone's unveiling.

"It makes you cry," Vidal said.

The stone was unveiled Saturday in a ceremony at the Port Dalhousie cenotaph.

One by one, veterans pinned poppies to a large cross in the

cenotaph's shadow as a line of dignitaries read out the names of the fallen. After each name was read, a bell tolled.

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Veterans watch as a stone is unveiled at the Port Dalhousie cenotaph honouring Canadian soldiers killed in the war in Afghanistan.

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Notice is hereby given that the 14th Annual General Meeting of FirstOntario Credit Union Limited will be held:

Date & Time: December 4th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
(registration begins at 6:15 p.m.)

Place: White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa

Address: 253 Taylor Road SS4, Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario, L0S 1J0

The purpose of this meeting:

1. To receive the:

- Report of the Board of Directors
- Auditors' Report
- Report of the Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2013
- Report of the Loan Officer
- Report of the Audit Committee

2. To appoint Auditors.

3. To receive a Report on the Election of Directors.

4. To transact any other business of an Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will be conducted in accordance with and respect of the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act and follow Robert's Rules of Order.

Please be advised that this meeting will be open only to Members in good standing as of Monday, November 4th, 2013. Members will be required to show their FirstOntario debit card and/or other piece of identification for registration purposes.

Attention Unincorporated Associations, Partnerships and Corporations: You are asked to submit a Proxy to your branch by 2:00 p.m., on December 3rd, 2013, the day prior to the meeting, in order for signing authorities to be verified.

Door prizes and refreshments will be available.

Copies of the 2013 Financial Reports will be available to Members after November 21st, 2013 in all FirstOntario branches, on our website at FirstOntario.com and at the Annual General Meeting.

For further details, please visit our website at FirstOntario.com.

Ron Fleet
Corporate Secretary

FirstOntario
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VETERANS

Names of fallen listed

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The military effort saw Canadians deployed from 2002 to 2011. All told, 39,558 Canadians served in Afghanistan. Three Niagaraans were among the 130 Canadians who died during the war.

Warrant Officer Dennis Brown of St. Catharines died March 3, 2009 when an armoured vehicle he was in was hit by a roadside bomb. Royal Canadian Regiment Cpl. Albert Storm of Fort Erie died in a suicide bomb attack Nov. 27, 2006. And RCR Cpl. Tyler Crooks of St. Catharines was killed in a mine on morning foot patrol March 20, 2009.

"It's very important to remember that all our soldiers defend not only Canada," said Chuck Johnston, the Royal Canadian Legion's provincial financial advisory chair, who headed up the ceremony. He said Canadians fight for freedom elsewhere, too.

"We're now honouring a new group of veterans," he said.

"I think every time when I see a young person like that has died, these kids are in their prime. Who knows what they could have been?"

They could've found the cure for cancer."

Johnston said the impact of the Afghanistan conflict was keenly felt, especially in small communities. He said it seemed like everyone knew of someone who was killed.

"It was sons and daughters who were alive a few years ago, and they're gone," Johnston said.

Vidal said it has become a family tradition to visit the Port cenotaph. She said the family comes yearly to honour her father, former president of Royal Canadian Legion Port Colborne.

Lifelong Port resident Sue Thibodeau said her uncle's names are inscribed on the cenotaph. She said her father served in the Second World War, two brothers served in the military and one nephew served as a peacekeeper in the Suez region.

She welcomed the Afghanistan memorial proudly.

"I think we made — as best we could — an impact there," she said.

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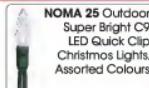
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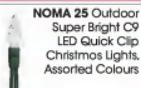
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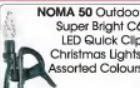
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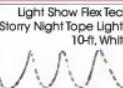
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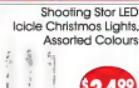
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Taxpayers could bite police budget bullet

JEFF BULOWIANSKI
(Officer Niagara)

It could be up to taxpayers to pony up for Niagara Region Police's big 2014 budget, after regional council recently turned down a funding option.

Councillors were asked to reconsider saving a provincial windfall awarded for the service's new headquarters in Niagara Falls and use it instead to balance next year's budget.

But councillors voted against reopening the matter.

"We gave them an option to get us there. They chose to not even discuss that option at this point in time," said Niagara Regional Police Services Board chair Henry D'Angela.

He said the option would source supports the police service's budget, which is rising by 4.08% — higher than the 2.7% increase target regional council sought.

The increase, driven by an arbitration wage settlement handed to officers dating back to 2012, is a major driving factor in pushing Niagara Region over its target of a 2% tax increase.

"My understanding is council is now supporting a 4.08% increase, for the police budget," D'Angela said.

Not so, said St. Catharines Coun. Bruce Timms. He said council must stick to its original budget target and force the NRP to make cuts to meet the spending goal.

Timms, one of council's most ardent labour and police critics, said council must

make clear "the taxpayer is not a bottomless pit." He said it must show arbitrations that services will be lost if they hand off hefty wage increases to public service workers.

"We don't intend to pass on (cuts) to housing or welfare or social services or roads or any other type of services that the Region provides," he said.

"I don't necessarily blame the police service. They just didn't understand we're not going to cut services elsewhere."

D'Angela said the NRP tried to cut costs through an internal review and reduced its authorized strength.

The NRP will carry 703 officers and 314 civilians in 2014, down from 704 officers and 319 civilians in 2013. D'Angela said service levels won't change.

Niagara Region acting treasurer Chris McQueen said the Region is former Police Commissioner Doug Gauthier's budget savings by recalculating the cost of the new police headquarters and St. Catharines detachment. He said a better interest rate on the debt the Region will acquire for the project will save \$350,000.

That, he said, puts the overall budget hike at 2.37%, but council still must support that total. That would ding the average Niagara home for an extra \$43.85 a month, or the roughly \$37 a 2% hike would mean.

McQueen said council cannot micromanage the police budget.

"Council can set a number," he said. "What they can't do is set line items."

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LOCAL NEWS

■ ANIMALS: Humane society cutting adoption fee for cats to \$25 Fee-line cutback at Humane Society

ROB HOULE

QMI Agency Niagara

ST. CATHARINES — The Lincoln County Humane Society is having a clearance sale.

And it won't be undersold.

The society is discounting already discounted prices again. Thursday, the society is offering up the cats in its care for \$25, which is down from the \$99 adoption fee it instituted in February 2012. Prior to that, the adoption fee was \$195.

There is no time limit on the new price of adoption.

"There is no end date," humane society executive director Kevin Strooband said. "So it will be indefinitely, based on space."

Strooband said the lower rate will cost the society \$55,000 annually.

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals spay/neuter clinic at the shelter provides the local humane society with five free surgeries per day, beyond that, it costs \$60 per cat. Other costs incurred by the humane

society for each cat include rabies shots (\$11), de-fleas-ing and de-worming (less than \$10), microchip (\$8) and first vaccination (\$10). Strooband said cost between \$5 and \$8.

"And then you have the labour to take care of them everyday, that's where your cost comes in," Strooband said.

"We really need the public support," Strooband said. "Because it's donations that fund these ... programs."

Since coming under fire for a euthanasia rate hovering around 70%, the shelter has since adopted a lower rate of less than 30%, Strooband said.

"That's because we're doing a better job, the community has stepped forward and we dropped (adoption fees) to \$99. I can only imagine what \$25 is going to do."

Strooband said there are approximately 100 cats at the shelter available for adoption, with more adults than kittens.

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hormone that, when in excess, also causes an elevation in male hormones in women, causing male facial hair growth and acne too. In men, elevated insulin results in a **beer belly** and breasts. High insulin promotes **weight gain**, high cholesterol, **diabetes** and excess **belly fat**. **Skin tags** are an early sign of pre-diabetes. Thankfully, busting belly fat and normalizing insulin just got easier. **GLUCOsmart** containing **ChiroSil™** has been researched in over 30 studies at the Virginia Medical School, for prediabetes, **Type-2 diabetes**, and excess male hormone-related conditions such as **PCOS**. GLUCOsmart has also been shown to reduce appetite and **sugar cravings**. But where GLUCOsmart really shines is in **fighting belly fat** in both **MEN AND WOMEN**.

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